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15. L. ~~(C/NINTEL/NOFORN)~~ THE WEEK OF 5 OCT WAS A BUSY PERIOD FOR SOME MILITARY PLOTTERS. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE A GROUP OF YOUNG OFFICERS APPROACHED THE FORMER III CORPS COMMANDER, BG CARLOS DELIA, AND ASKED HIM TO LEAD A MOVE TO OVERTHROW THE

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GOVT OF PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON. Sec. 3.3(b)(1) WHO WAS APPARENTLY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING THE YOUNG TURKS THAT COUP WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE MOVE FOR THE ARMY. DELIA EXPLAINED TO THE PLOTTERS THAT THEIR PRESCRIPTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S ILLS WAS WORSE THAN THE SICKNESS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOURCE, BG VIDELA, ARMY CINC, WAS AWARE OF THE CONSPIRACY BUT CHOSE TO LET DELIA HANDLE THE SITUATION.

2. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ CONCURRENTLY, IT WAS REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF FORMER PRESIDENT ONGANIA'S SUPPORTERS WERE ALSO PLOTTING TO OUST THE PERONIST GOVT. ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THIS MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS VERY LITTLE FOLLOWING, IS BEING SPEARHEADED BY THE VI MOUNTAIN INFANTRY BRIGADE COMMANDER, BG JUAN ANTONIO BUASSO. THE PLANNING GROUP IS REPORTEDLY HEADQUARTERED AT LTG (RE) ONGANIA'S ESTANCIA IN THE PAMPA.

3. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS THAT BG BUASSO RECENTLY WENT TO THE V CORPS COMMANDER, BG SUAREZ MASON, AND INFORMED HIM THAT IT WAS TIME TO MOVE AGAINST THE GOVT. BG SUAREZ MASON SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THE ARMY CINC OF BUASSO'S ACTIVITIES. (THIS CORROBORATES INFO REPORTED IN AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 6914). MEANWHILE ON 15 OCT BG BUASSO DELIVERED A FIERY SPEECH AT A CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF HIS BRIGADE. HE CONDEMNED TERRORISM AND CALLED FOR A COUNTRY WITH ORDER, CLEANLINESS, FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE. MODERATE SENIOR ARMY GENERALS WERE NOT PLEASED WITH THE VRIGADE COMMANDER'S REMARKS WHICH APPARENTLY WERE TOO STRONG AND POLITICALLY SLANTED. IN RELATED ACTIVITY ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS THAT ARMY TROOPS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE ONGANIA ESTANCIA WERE REMOVED EFFECTIVE 16 OCT 75 AND THE SERVICE WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED.

4. COMMENT: ~~(C/WINTEL/NOFORN)~~ DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE PERON REGIME DOES EXIST WITHIN THE MILITARY. THE INCIDENT INVOLVING BG DELIA PROBABLY REPRESENTS THE CONCERN ON THE PART OF YOUNG OFFICERS WITH THE LOCAL STATE OF AFFAIRS RATHER THAN A SERIOUS CONSPIRACY TO TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE CINC HIMSELF HAS NOT DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY INTERVENTION SHOULD THE SITUATION WARRANT IT. NEVERTHELESS, BG VIDELA IS IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION, APPARENTLY IS WILLING (AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT) TO LET THE POLITICIANS PLAY OUT THEIR HANDS, AND IS PREPARED TO DISCIPLINE THOSE WHO STRAY FROM THE RANKS.

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